REMARKS

RESTRICTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

The Office action requires an election of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Group I includes

claims 1-24. Group II includes claims 25-31. Claims 1-31 have been canceled. Therefore, the

restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 is moot.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C § 103

<u>CLAIMS 1-3 AND 10</u>

Claims 1-3 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over

U.S. Patent No. 6,269,402 issued to Lin et al. (Lin) in view of U.S. Patent Publication No.

2002/0116501 attributed to Ho et al. (Ho). Claims 1-3 and 10 have been canceled. Therefore,

the rejection of these claims is moot.

<u>Claim 4</u>

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin in view of Ho and

further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0053694 attributed to Igarashi et al.

(Igarashi). Claim 4 has been canceled. Therefore, the rejection of this claim is moot.

CLAIMS 5-9

Claims 5-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin, Ho

and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0012149 attributed to Maggenti et al. (Maggenti) and

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further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,006,266 issued to Murphy, Jr. et al. (Murphy). Claims 5-9

have been canceled. Therefore, the rejection of these claims is moot.

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CLAIMS 11-13, 16-18, 20-21, AND 23-24

Claims 11-13, 16-18, 20-21, and 23-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being

unpatentable over Lin and Ho and further in view of Maggenti. Claims 11-13, 16-18, 20-21, and

23-24 have been canceled. Therefore, the rejection of these claims is moot.

CLAIMS 14 AND 15

Claims 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin,

Ho and Maggenti and further in view of Igarashi. Claims 14 and 15 have been canceled.

Therefore, the rejection of these claims is moot.

<u>CLAIMS 19 AND 22</u>

Claims 19 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin,

Ho and Maggenti in view of Murphy. Claims 19 and 22 have been canceled. Therefore, the

rejection of these claims is moot.

NEW CLAIMS

Claims 32-58 are added herein. Claims 32-58 each contain new limitations not found in

the previously rejected claims 1-24. Therefore, Applicant submits that the rejections above are

not applicable to claims 32-58. Applicant submits that each of claims 32-58 contains at least one

limitation that is not taught or disclosed in the cited references above. Therefore, Applicant

respectfully submits that claims 32-58 are not obvious in view of the cited references.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that claims 32-58 contain allowable

subject matter and are in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited. The

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Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would

further the examination of the present application.

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